

Potosi Journal.

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POTOSI, MISSOURI.

The average annual loss by fire in the United States during the last 14 years was \$140,000,000. These figures will give a strong impression of the losses by the Baltimore fire, which reached nearly the same amount.

A man in Utah, N. Y., has been arrested and fined for snoring in church. That is a step in advance, and the reform might be extended to sleeping cars and hotels. It is a shame for a man to keep everybody else awake in such a manner.

Jules Verne, the celebrated French author, recently celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday. The aged author is yet in good health, except for an almost complete blindness, and he enjoys the reputation of having written a book for every year of his life.

The first white child born in Chicago has just celebrated his eighty-second birthday. Please add him to the list including George Washington's body servant, Abraham Lincoln's law partner, and other original characters. There is already quite a respectable army of him.

It is distinctly to the credit of Baltimore that there was no looting or attempt at looting during the terrible fire which wiped out the business district of the city. The people fought bravely to save their homes, and none of the disastrous scenes that usually accompany such disasters were witnessed.

The latest fashion in dogs, says a Paris cable story, is for Pomeranian Louises. The name, for all its spelling, has a suspiciously American sound, and in the photograph the dog bears a strong resemblance to the common people of commerce with an abnormal fortunate development. To be in style, get a Louie.

The time and circumstances of Senator Hanna's death make the case without a parallel in our history. It is the first time a senator has died after his reelection for a new term and before the expiration of an old one, thus creating two vacancies, both to be filled by the legislature in session at the time of his death.

An excellent idea in horticulture comes from an inspired genius in Rhode Island. He says that cherries can be saved from the birds by setting out mulberry trees, because birds prefer mulberries. That would be a great scheme were it not for the fact that mulberries do not ripen until long after the cherries are gone.

There is one road thing about these wars in far countries; people who read the papers learn so much about geography. Before we took the Philippines from Spain not one man out of a thousand knew where the islands were; by the time this Japanese war is well under way the average citizen will be acquainted with the whole Pacific ocean.

The management of the Louisiana Purchase exposition should arrange for a matrimonial day in honor of the year. It is reported that Director Taylor has already received a barrel of letters proposing marriage, and at this rate it should not be difficult to get up an entertaining "national leap year celebration" a ticket to the grounds on that day entitling the holder to a marriage license without further cost.

It is a strange thing to express the value of novels in terms of wood, but an English periodical has lately been estimating what it calls the "tree value" of the modern novel. Since paper is made of cellulose, and the chief source of supply of cellulose is timber, it is estimated that the popular novels have swept away 4,000 trees. According to this "very popular novel" could in duty bound to spend at least a part of his spare time in planting trees.

The entire fortune of Moses B. Clements, of Portland, Me., amounting to about \$100,000, has been left to trustees, who are directed to distribute it "to benefit society, relieve distress and assist worthy and deserving religious, charitable and benevolent associations, objects and individuals." The manner of distribution is left entirely to the discretion of the executors, the only restriction being that they shall have disposed of the entire estate in the manner indicated within ten years.

The main difference between battleships and armored cruisers rests on their relative power to hold the battle line, but this does not mean that the latter are deficient in fighting power. In securing independence of a threatened enemy the observing vessels must have strength enough to overcome hostile ships, to dislodge the main body, and when this is achieved to delay a progress until their own battleships can reach the scene of action. It is evident that only less in degree to the battleship must be the value of the armored cruiser.

The American student long ago conquered Europe, and now he has a chance to invade Asia. The emperor of Korea wants a dentist, and to the right party will offer a two years' contract with a salary of \$5,000 per year and \$5,000 for expenses. The one condition is that the successful applicant must speak English and French. Korea is a rather shady country to live in just now, but it is safe to say that if the emperor succeeds in holding his throne long enough to make a selection the court dentist will be a Yankee.

"Remember the Maine!" The cry does not have the same significance it possessed six years ago, but it will never be forgotten for all that. Six years ago the battleship was sunk in Havana harbor with all on board and the midnight explosion that wrought the awful tragedy echoed across the Atlantic and changed the map of the world. The mystery of the disaster has never been solved and probably never will be; and yet, if it was not done by Spanish, it seems as if it must have been done by the purposeful hand of Fate. And Fate hit Spain a hard blow.

NEWS FROM MISSOURI.

An agitation has been started for a \$30,000 Y. M. C. A. building in Mexico.

Glover Copper, aged ten, of Troy, was accidentally shot by his brother, aged 13, and will die.

W. A. Fuller, a brakeman on the Hannibal & St. Joseph railroad, slipped from a car step at Moersville and fell under the train, dying from the injuries.

Senator Cockrell introduced a bill authorizing the secretary of the treasury to pay Marion county the sum of \$2,000, expended for repairs of its courthouse after its use and occupation by the United States military during the civil war.

Stephen A. Mitchell has just finished the locating survey for the Kansas City & Lexington electric railway. The road is projected by J. C. McGraw, a wealthy coal operator and mill owner at Lexington, and McGraw is already arranging for the right-of-way.

Rev. W. Pope Yeaman, for 20 years moderator of the Missouri Baptist association and the organizer of Delmar Avenue Baptist church in St. Louis, died suddenly on his farm near Columbia, Mo., where he had lived for several years. Mr. Yeaman was born 71 years ago in Kentucky.

Illinois abandoned the 1,500 square feet in the agricultural building for exhibition purposes and it has been taken by Missouri. The extra cost to the Missouri commission for installing an exhibit in this space will be \$15,000. This makes a total of \$100,000 allowed by the Missouri commission for agricultural exhibits.

Henry Dorman, of Nevada, is the oldest ex-soldier in the United States and the oldest pensioner on the rolls of the pension department. He recently celebrated his 105th birthday. Despite his great age, Mr. Dorman was without a cane and is quite active. He fought through the war of 1812 and the civil war.

A three-day show of Missouri corn was held at St. Louis this week under direction of H. J. Waters, dean of agriculture at Missouri university. Over 5,000 ears of corn were displayed and they showed Missouri's corned glory. Prizes aggregating \$1,000 were awarded and the prize corn will be exhibited at the world's fair.

Mrs. Herman R. Dietrich, wife of the United States consul to Guayaquil, Ecuador, died at her home in Utah, after a brief illness, of peritonitis. She was 21 years old. Mr. Dietrich was notified of his wife's illness a week ago and is now on the way home. He will arrive in about two weeks. The burial will not be held until he returns.

The effort to revoke the license of Miss Stella Sindow, the Austrian school teacher who was sued for \$100 for whipping one of her pupils, Miss Magdalen Caldwell, has failed. The county school commissioner, J. N. Cross, has decided that there is not sufficient ground to revoke the license. The jury in the damage suit decided that Miss Sindow was justified in the chastisement of Miss Caldwell.

Prof. W. Fleming, of Kansas City, Senator William J. Stone, Col. W. H. Phelps, Gov. Barclay, Col. Moses Wetmore, Charles W. Keagy, of the 7th U. S. Republic, David R. Francis, State Chairman W. A. Rockwell, Maj. Harvey Salmon, Congressman DeArment and Congressman Champ Clark, among those who are being held at St. Louis for the Missouri "big four" at the democratic national convention.

R. N. Hatcher keeps a store in Joplin. He bought three showcases from Morris A. Heiman and because they were not dust proof he refused to pay for them or return them, although he used them. The court of Jasper county decided in his favor on a writ, but this was set aside by the court of appeals, which says: "We are not aware of any rule of law that will justify Hatcher in keeping the cases without paying anything for them."

The Belton Herford Cattle company, which will raise white-face cattle and ship them to the Kansas City market, filed articles of incorporation. The company has bought 2,000 acres of grazing land from William H. Herford. The farm is in Cass county, near Belton. The company has sold at this farm with \$10,000 worth of Herford cattle. Mr. Scribner, president of the concern, is an Englishman, who recently came to this country.

The reports of the students of the Missouri university to the registrar indicate that 28 per cent. of those who answered the question in regard to the employment of their parent or guardian came from the farm. Of the 1,200 students, 332 answered this question, and of this number 328 said their parents or guardians were agriculturists. Twenty-one answered: "I've stock dealer," 28, bankers, 6, laborers, 62, lawyer, 69, doctor, 17, teacher, 38, insurance and real estate, 115, clerk, salesman or merchant, 25, minister, 29, mechanic or machinist, 11, mine owner or operator, 8, editor or reporter, 172 give various answers.

The contract for publishing the history of Missouri, the official publication of the Missouri world's fair commission, was let to E. W. Stephens, of Columbia. The contract calls for two volumes. The book is to be distributed free from the Missouri building.

Sherman Mullin, of Free Eye, Ray county, had been divorced from his first wife just two days when he was married to Mrs. Mary Timley.

C. J. Hams, of Post Oak township, enjoys the distinction of being the tallest man in Johnson county. He is 6 feet 6 inches high.

HAGUE TRIBUNAL GIVES DECISION

Preferential Claims of Blockading Powers Recognized.

DECISION WAS UNANIMOUS

Great Britain, Germany and Italy Have Preference of Thirty Per Cent. of Venezuelan Customs at Designated Ports.

The Hague, Feb. 23.—The arbitral tribunal which last week considered the claims of the blockading powers for preferential treatment of their claims against Venezuela has decided unanimously that the three blockading powers, Great Britain, Germany and Italy, have the right to a preference of 30 per cent. of the customs duties at La Guayra and Porto Cabello, the litigants to pay their own costs in the procedure, and divide equally the costs of the tribunal. The United States is commissioned to carry out the decision of the tribunal within three months.

In giving judgment the tribunal points out that it has been guided by international law and the equity of the case, and that the protocols signed at Washington since February 13, 1902, and particularly the protocol of May 7, which made the obligatory nature of the decision of the tribunal the basis of its sentence; that the tribunal is not competent to question the jurisdiction of the mixed commissions at Caracas, nor to judge their action or the character of the warlike operations of the blockading powers, nor to decide if the three blockading powers exhausted all pacific means to prevent the necessity for employing force. The tribunal decides that it is only in a position to certify that since 1902 Venezuela refused arbitration, proposed on several occasions by Germany and Great Britain; that after the war no formal treaty of peace was concluded; that the operations of the blockaders were stopped before they had received satisfaction for all their claims; and, further, that the question of preferential treatment was submitted to arbitration. The tribunal declares that it found and recognized in these facts previous evidence in favor of the world's fair principle of arbitration in all phases of international conflict.

In adhering to the protocols, the blockaders could not have intended to renounce their acquired rights nor their privileged de facto position. The government of Venezuela itself had recognized in principle the well-founded claims of their claims, while it had not recognized those of the non-blockading powers, and until the end of January, 1902, made no slightest protest against the claims for preferential treatment. Throughout the diplomatic negotiations Venezuela constantly distinguished between the allied powers and the neutrals. These latter not having protested against the claims for preference of the blockading powers, either at the time the war stopped, nor immediately after the signature of the protocol of February 13, the government of Venezuela only agreed in respect to the allied powers to offer special guarantees for the fulfillment of its engagements. The award which should direct international relations imposes the duty on the tribunal of declaring that the words "all claims" employed by the Venezuelan representative in the negotiations with the representatives of the allied powers could relate only to the latter powers.

In the decision the United States is charged merely to supervise the carriage of the decision regarding costs. After the delivery of the decision, President Marikoff of the Russian minister of justice in a short speech declared that the findings had been reached after a most minute and most impartial investigation. Like all human acts, he added, the decision was susceptible to criticism, but now it was made, everyone should accept it.

JOSEPH FRANKLIN DEAD.
The End of a Long and Honorable Business Career in St. Louis Retail Trade.
St. Louis, Feb. 22.—Joseph Franklin, vice-president and manager of the William Barr Dry Goods Co., died at 2:30 Monday morning at his home in Oakland, near Kirkwood.

Mr. Franklin's death was due to paralysis. He was first stricken last September, the attack affecting his right side. He had been able to continue to work three times since that stroke. The second attack came last week when his left side was affected. He did not fail.

Mr. Franklin was born in the north of Ireland, March 17, 1836, came to the United States when a boy, entered the service of a New York dry goods firm when he was 17 years old.

Death to Fruit.
Also, Paas, Ill., Feb. 23.—Irreparable damage to fruit trees resulted in this section of the state from the heavy rainfall of Saturday night, freezing as it fell, thus overloading the already ice-laden trees. Whole orchards were stripped.

Brooklyn Has \$500,000 Fire.
New York, Feb. 23.—The factory of the Fraser Tabbet Co. was completely destroyed by fire Sunday night. Mr. Fraser estimates the damage at about \$500,000, on which there is \$250,000 insurance.

Due to Spreading Frog.
Kankakee, Ill., Feb. 23.—James Martin was killed and five were injured in a wreck of a Knights Columbus special Sunday, on the Kankakee & Seneca railway near Waukegan, due to a spreading frog.

Kansas Wheat Needs Rain.
Topeka, Kas., Feb. 23.—The Kansas wheat belt is in great need of rain. All reports show much damage by lack of moisture. The fields in a dozen counties are reported as brown, and the plant is in a sickly condition.

PAID LAST HOMAGE TO MARCUS A. HANNA

Vast Throngs Took a Last Look At the Remains.

NUMEROUS NOTABLES PRESENT

The Funeral the Most Notable Since That of President Garfield in Cleveland—Bishop Leonard Delivered Eulogy.

Cleveland, O., Feb. 20.—Cleveland was again a city of mourning Friday. Business was practically suspended and a large proportion of the population paid homage to the memory of Senator Marcus A. Hanna.

Just as dawn began to break over the city the doors of the chamber of commerce auditorium, where the body lay, were opened to a vast throng of people who desired to view the face of the dead senator.

Last Look at the Dead.
The early hour of opening the doors to the chamber brought thousands of men to their daily toil. In such great numbers did they come, however, that many were unable to remain in line and consequently were deprived of a last look at the face of the dead.

At ten o'clock the members of the state legislature, who recently chose Mr. Hanna to represent the commonwealth of Ohio in the United States senate to succeed himself, drove from their hotel to the chamber of commerce in a body and looked for a last time on the face of the dead statesman.

Many Distinguished Attendances.
During the night many distinguished men of the country arrived in Cleveland to attend the funeral service and the early morning hours of great numbers of men arrived at the Washington delegation arrived at 10:30 o'clock, and was at once driven to the Hollenden hotel. The party comprised Secretary Taft, of the war department; Secretary Wilson, of the agricultural department; Secretary Cortelyou, of the department of commerce and labor; Commissioner Garfield, chief of the bureau of corporations in the department of commerce and labor and the congressional delegation.

Other distinguished personages were Gov. Durbin of Indiana, and staff; J. Herbert Morgan and party, of New York; Geo. B. Cox and party, of Cincinnati, and a number of business and social friends of the dead senator from Chicago, Detroit, Buffalo, Pittsburgh and New York.

Promptly at noon the funeral cortege left the chamber of commerce building, preceded by a platoon of police, for St. Paul's Episcopal church. Following the police came Troop A as guard of honor.

Then came carriages containing the pallbearers, the Washington delegation, the governor's staff, chamber of commerce committee, Loyal Legion committee, and delegations representing various civic societies.

Prior to the removal of the body from the chamber of commerce to the church the death of moral officers, which were looked about the auditorium were removed to the church. Reservations on the center aisle were made for the family, governor's staff, Washington delegation and other distinguished guests. The church was filled long before the hour for the services to commence and thousands lined the street about the edifice.

A few moments before one o'clock Mrs. Hanna accompanied by her son Dan, entered the church. When the body had been placed upon the bier and the pallbearers seated, the choir chanted the Thirtieth and Nineteenth Psalms. President Pierce, of Cambier college, an institution of which Mr. Hanna was a benefactor, read the lesson, which was from First Corinthians, fifteenth chapter, from the twentieth verse to the end of the chapter.

The choir, under the direction of Prof. C. E. Clements, then sang the hymn "Lead, Kindly Light." Bishop Leonard then delivered the eulogy.

The choir sang the hymn "Forever With Thee, Lord, Amen, So Let It Be." Mr. G. H. McGraw, rector of St. Paul's church, followed with the creed and prayer. The anthem, "I Heard a Voice From Heaven Say," was sung by the choir.

Bishop Leonard then read the communal service and pronounced the benediction. The body, accompanied only by the family, pallbearers and Bishop Leonard, proceeded slowly out Euclid avenue to Lakeview cemetery, where a final farewell of the dead was taken in Wade memorial chapel. The service consisted simply of a prayer by the bishop. The body was deposited in a crypt in the chapel to await burial at the pleasure of the family.

FRILLS OF FASHION.
Light-toned velvets are much in demand for ball gowns.

Ribbons will be extensively used for millinery purposes this spring. There will be a golden gleam to all the trimmings of the coming season. In the newest fur trimmings ermine is ingeniously combined with darker furs. Gause or tulle strings are predicted on the dressy creations in spring headwear.

WAR IN BALKANS IS IMPENDING

Turkish Minister Says Hostilities Can Not Much Longer Be Averted.

HE BLAMES THE BULGARIANS

Says Inhabitants in Macedonia Are Doing Everything Possible to Annoy and Harass the Imperial Government.

Washington, Feb. 23.—Chokih Bey, the Turkish minister at Washington, believes war in the Balkans is impending. In a conversation the minister Monday said.

"I have prevented my transmitting heretofore an important communication which I received from my government several days ago about the reported trouble in the Roumanian provinces. I hope to see the secretary of state some time this week and have a conference with him on this subject. To correct the false impression which has already, I fear, gained ground in this country about the attitude of my country toward the reforms in Roumania, I shall give you the substance of the cablegram from my foreign office. It is to this effect:

"The reports most strenuously denounce as maliciously false the reports which have been given wide circulation in certain European papers that trouble is brewing in Roumania because of the failure of the imperial government to carry out the promised reforms there. The facts in the case are that the imperial government is fulfilling to the letter its pledges, reforms are being vigorously inaugurated and there is no trouble brewing in that section as reported.

POWERS WILL NOT INTERFERE.
Russia, Austria and Germany Have Agreed to Hands Off Policy.

Berlin, Feb. 23.—According to information received from an excellently informed quarter, Russia, Austria and Germany have agreed on a policy of noninterference should Turkey attack Bulgaria. They have further agreed not to consider such hostilities as war, but as justifiable suppression of rebellion on the part of Turkey as Bulgaria's suzerain.

It is understood that Turkey will not be permitted to seize any Bulgarian territory, but after the Bulgarians have been punished, Austria will be instructed with the holding of Macedonia in the same manner as the Berlin congress gave administrative power over Bosnia and Herzegovina.

UNSUCCESSFUL JAIL BREAK.
Seven Life Convicts in New Mexico Prison Cut and Overpower Keeper, But Fail to Escape.

Santa Fe, N. M., Feb. 23.—Seven life convicts at the New Mexico penitentiary Monday overpowered Acting Superintendent R. C. Garrett and cut him with a knife because he would not give up the combination to the armory. They were subdued by the guards before they could accomplish their apparent purpose to seize the wives and children of the penitentiary officials and use them as shields.

REQUISITION REFUSED.
Gov. Mickey of Nebraska Declined to Honor Gov. Yates' Request for Return of W. S. Snyder.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 23.—Gov. Mickey Monday refused to honor the requisition of Gov. Yates of Illinois for the return from Plattsmouth, Neb., to Chicago, of W. S. Snyder, under indictment on the charge of assault with intent to kill his wife. Snyder's attorney represented to Gov. Mickey that the requisition was simply to get him into the jurisdiction of the Illinois courts that alimony might be collected from him.

Died At the Age of 105.
Chicago, Feb. 23.—Mrs. Rose Israel, who was said to be the oldest woman in Chicago, having passed her one hundred and fifth birthday, was buried Monday.

St. Louisans Body Recovered.
Paris, Feb. 23.—The body of Henry Hutton, of St. Louis, who had been missing since December 20, 1902, was taken from the River Seine, near the Mouly bridge Monday by sailors. There were no marks of violence on the body, which had been removed to the morgue.

Will Be Received By the Mikado.
Tokio, Feb. 23.—The British naval officers who brought the Japanese armored cruisers Nishin and Kasuga from Genoa, Italy to Japan, will be received in audience by the mikado.

The Body of Senator Hanna.
Cleveland, O., Feb. 23.—The body of Senator Hanna was not placed in the vault Monday as had been expected. Mrs. Hanna is still too unwell to go from her son's home and further burial arrangements have not been made.

Maj. Arthur McClellan.
Philadelphia, Pa., Feb. 23.—Maj. Arthur McClellan, brother of the late Gen. George B. McClellan and uncle of the major of New York, died suddenly of heart disease Monday at Drifton, Pa.

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The Fly—The moth, seems very grumpy. The Roach—Yes, he's been chewing the rag all day.—Princeton Tiger.



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